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Chief of Operations, Salzburg

26 October 1953

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CR #43 - Pachatte Meeting with Grallspace 1
on 20 October 1953

MEETING SUMMARY

1. As arranged at the previous meeting (see CR #47) case officer 1 was to meet agent Grallspace 1 on 20 October 1953 at 2000 hours in the Grallspace 1 safe apartment. Case officer arrived at the safe apartment at 1950 and agent appeared promptly at 2000 hours. The purpose of the meeting, which lasted 40 minutes, was to receive from agent his final draft of the defection letter which is to be used in a REDMAP defection program.

PROGRESS

2. None

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

3. Agent submitted his third and final draft form of a letter which will be used in a REDMAP defection program by C] This draft was a vast improvement over the two previous ones in that the letter was of proper length, it held a firm and straight-forward tone and agent had increased the patriotic note of the letter considerably. However, agent's concluding paragraph in which he made the plea that prospective defector should transfer his motivation to the West was too short and disconnected from the body of the letter. Also agent did not sufficiently connect the theme of the poor agricultural and economic conditions in the USSR with a satisfactory reason as to why the potential or prospective defector should transfer his motivation to the West. Agent therefore added on the spot a few sentences at the end of the paragraph reminding the prospective defector that he could best serve his fellow countrymen suffering in the USSR by joining the many former soldiers and officers of the Russian Army who are now working for a Free Russia. (C.O. Note: After studying the defection letter with C] and K] it was agreed that one or two sentences could easily be inserted into agent's defection letter which would sufficiently connect the theme of the letter (i.e. the poor economic and agricultural conditions in the USSR) with a satisfactory reason why the potential defector should transfer his motivation to the West. The field will forward a copy of this defection letter under separate cover in its final form. In general the defection letter was a good bit of work on agent's part and the theme which agent selected and

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the tone which agent used in presenting this theme were especially good.)

4. Agent reported that he had heard nothing new concerning the blackmail attempt by Maria PFENNIG although agent agreed that something concrete could come of this blackmail attempt. He felt that the main reason for this whole affair was the animosity existing between Hermine Sturkner. Agent felt that Sturkner had exaggerated the situation somewhat.

PERSONAL MATTERS

5. Agent reported that he had been to a doctor recently in order to get some treatment for a head cold which agent could not get rid of. The doctor informed him at the time that the head cold was a result of infected teeth and inflamed sinus glands in the cheek bones and was informed that agent would have to undergo a minor operation in order to cure this ailment. Agent said that the operation and initial rest period would take 6 - 7 days. It seems that several teeth have to be extracted and a hole drilled from the gum up to the sinus glands which in turn will be drained. Agent requested that he be paid the usual \$100 in Schillings here in Salzburg this month instead of having that \$100 deposited in the States as has been usual practice. Agent said he would use this money to pay for this extra medical expense.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. It was agreed to meet again on 26 October 1953 at 1000 hours in the Grallspice 1 safe apartment.

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